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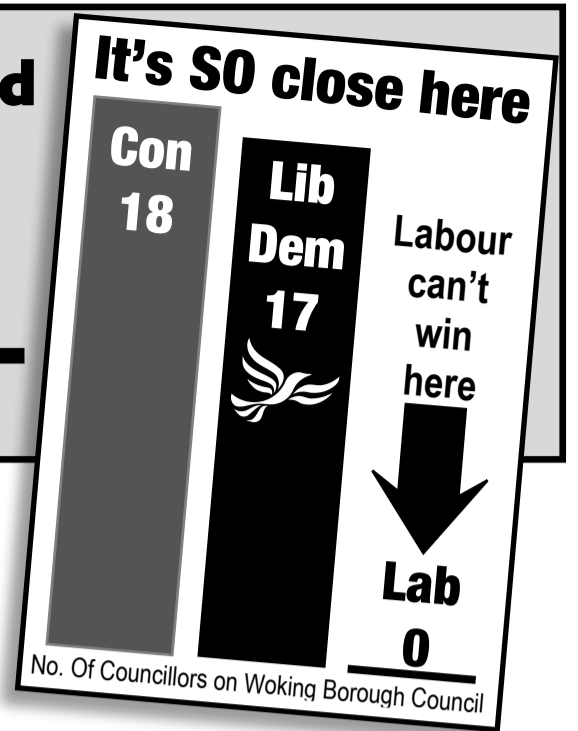
From Councillors Will Forster and Derek McCrum



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# Tories' parking charges BOMBSHELL!

Local residents and retailers are reeling from the bombshell that the Conservatives are increasing on-street parking charges by 40% to £1.40 an hour in Woking Town Centre.

The Conservative run Surrey County Council are also looking to axe free on-street parking in villages and shopping parades across the county, which could include local shopping parades in Kingfield and Westfield.

Lib Dem Councillor **Will Forster** said, "I am totally opposed to these proposals. We need free parking spaces at shops in Kingfield and Westfield to help stimulate the local economy.

Councillor Forster added, "Why should people have to fork out for the privilege of popping to the local shops for milk and bread? Our Council should be supporting local people and shops in this tough

economic time – not hammering them into the ground.

These further charges are on top of the 400% increase in residents' parking permits in areas close to Woking Town Centre and the loss of 30 minute parking tickets.

Will Forster said "I am also concerned that residential roads will suffer as motorists seek to avoid the parking charges and park in adjacent roads. The top of Kingfield Road and Westfield Avenue could see more residents parking there on a regular basis so they don't have to pay for a parking permit."

Cllr Richard Sharp, Leader of the Woking Lib Dems said, "We called for more parent and child spaces in Town Centre car parks, but the Tory Council refused. Many supermarkets have lots of parent and child parking spaces as it encourages shoppers, something we surely need in the Town Centre."



• Lib Dem Councillor **Will Forster** disagrees with the Conservative County Council on yet more parking charges.

# Shocking plan for Rydens Way



• Councillor **Will Forster** slams Tory Council's plans for Rydens Way

Local Lib Dems recently brought to light the shocking plan by a company owned by Conservative run Woking Borough Council to buy Rydens Way for development and pay a private developer to build 42 houses on the green.

Cllr Will Forster has slammed the Conservative Council for lack of transparency and betraying local residents by backing building on the Rydens Way green.

This £9.45 million purchase is despite the Woking Council's Planning Committee rejecting the development that residents fiercely opposed. Sadly the Planning Inspector allowed the development since he followed Labour Government rules.

Local Councillor Will Forster said, "The Conservative councillor responsible for housing knew about the development plans from June but did not tell residents or even other councillors including the Council Leader.

"Can we trust the Conservatives with our money and our green spaces?"

Cllr Forster added, "I am shocked and appalled that the Council owned company has bought Rydens Way so they can force through the same development that the Council's own Planning Committee threw out. The Tory Executive must take responsibility for what has happened."

# Bonsey Lane resurfaced - at last



• Councillors **Will Forster** and **Derek McCrum** got Bonsey Lane resurfaced.

Local Councillors Will Forster and Derek McCrum's campaign to get Bonsey Lane repaired has finally been successful.

As well as campaigning to get this important road resurfaced, Councillors Will Forster and Derek McCrum also ensured that the work happened on a weekend which minimised disruption by avoiding the school and work commute.

County Councillor Will Forster said, "The resurfacing of Bonsey Lane has always been my top highways priority for the whole of South Woking. It is appalling that the County Council allowed Bonsey Lane to fall into such a poor state of repair."

Will Forster added, "Both Derek McCrum and I have seen and been told of many incidents where the pothole ridden road has endangered pedestrians, cyclists and motorists. That is unacceptable and clearly the resurfacing should have been done a long time ago."

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# Hoe Valley Scheme update

Lib Dem Councillors Derek McCrum and Will Forster are campaigning to prevent chaos on our roads during the 27 week closure of the Elm Bridge on Kingfield Road as part of the Hoe Valley Scheme.

Cllr Forster said "Clearly the bridge closure will cause significant disruption to local residents. I'm really concerned that not enough has been done to ensure safety and reduce congestion on the diversion route."

Cllr McCrum has been working to improve facilities for young people thanks to the Hoe Valley Scheme. Derek said, "I want to ensure that in future there will be a junior playground as well as a multi use games area for older children in the Barnsbury/Bonsey Lane area."

Derek has arranged for the football pitch in **Bonsey Lane** to be put back, once it has been raised as part of the flood alleviation scheme. It has been agreed that the old foot bridge between Barnsbury and Bonsey Lane will not be removed until the new bridge is built.

• Councillor **Derek McCrum** wants to see better playgrounds in the Hoe Valley.



# More money for Woking schools



• Cllr **Will Forster** welcomes the Lib Dems' help for poorer pupils in Woking schools.

County Councillor Will Forster has congratulated the Lib Dems in Government securing a new £2.5 billion to give every child a fair start in life.

The extra money will help pupils from poorer backgrounds who are on Free School Meals

Local Councillor Will Forster said, "Every child in Woking who is entitled will each get an extra £430 spent on their school education, bringing in almost £500,000 extra to Woking schools thanks to the Lib Dems."

"Labour left behind many schools that were failing our children – especially those from less well off families."

The Lib Dems have given head teachers the power to decide how to spend this money. It could be on extra tuition, breakfast clubs or after-schools clubs, depending on individual needs.

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